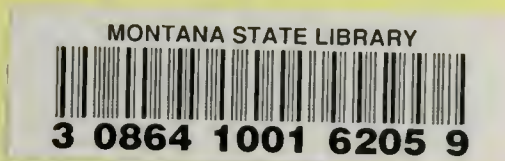


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Workforce Services Division  
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Helena, Montana 59624  
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# Yellowstone County

Located in south central Montana, Yellowstone County is Montana's most populous with 130,398 residents, according to the 2001 estimates produced by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Billings, the county seat, is the state's largest city with a population of 89,847 in 2000 and is a major retail and wholesale trade, financial, energy, transportation and medical center. According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1883. The Yellowstone River, the authors say, was called by early French trappers, Roche Jaune for "yellow rock." Pompeys Pillar, a national historic landmark located 28 miles east of Billings on Interstate 94, was originally called Pompy's Tower by Captain William Clark. The authors add he named it after Sacajawea's son Baptiste, whom he called "Little Pomp." And Billings was named for lawyer, philanthropist and former Northern Pacific Railroad President Frederick Billings.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Yellowstone County households in 1999 was \$36,727. The county is 2,666 square miles in area; 2,635 square miles in land area and 31 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Billings in January between 1971 and 2000 was 15.1 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 85.8 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 14.77 inches. The growing season was from May 3 to Oct. 5 (last and first frost).

## Yellowstone County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2001 Census Estimate	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '00 to '01	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90
Montana	904,433	902,195	799,065	786,690	0.2%	12.9%	1.6%
Yellowstone County	130,398	129,352	113,419	108,035	0.8%	14.0%	5.0%
Billings	NA	89,847	81,125	76,937	NA	10.8%	5.4%
Broadview	NA	150	133	120	NA	12.8%	10.8%
Laurel	NA	6,255	5,686	5,498	NA	10.0%	3.4%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

NA = not available

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Annual Average Labor Force For Yellowstone County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem-ployed	Unem-ployment Rate
2001	71,160	68,807	2,353	3.3%
2000	72,161	69,403	2,758	3.8%
1999	71,871	68,976	2,895	4.0%
1998	70,133	67,049	3,084	4.4%
1997	68,540	65,433	3,107	4.5%
1996	67,239	64,247	2,992	4.4%
1995	66,830	63,611	3,219	4.8%
1994	68,013	65,300	2,713	4.0%
1993	65,732	62,508	3,224	4.9%
1992	65,170	61,517	3,653	5.6%
1991	62,518	59,101	3,417	5.5%
1990	61,648	58,563	3,085	5.0%
1989	64,383	61,249	3,134	4.9%
1988	58,961	55,321	3,640	6.2%
1987	60,085	55,704	4,381	7.3%
1986	61,436	56,726	4,710	7.7%
1985	61,790	57,290	4,500	7.3%
1984	62,042	57,715	4,327	7.0%
1983	61,122	56,364	4,758	7.8%
1982	59,827	55,994	3,833	6.4%
1981	57,099	54,057	3,042	5.3%
1980	55,549	52,870	2,679	4.8%
1979	55,272	53,243	2,029	3.7%
1978	53,442	50,826	2,616	4.9%
1977	51,265	48,822	2,443	4.8%
1976	48,125	45,859	2,266	4.7%
1975	46,489	44,006	2,483	5.3%
1974	45,498	43,572	1,926	4.2%
1973	42,582	40,844	1,738	4.1%
1972	39,359	37,606	1,753	4.5%
1971	36,503	34,912	1,591	4.4%
1970	35,295	33,812	1,483	4.2%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2002 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data <i>Civilian Labor Force-All Persons</i>			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<i>Total</i>	57,867	30,718	27,149
<i>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</i>	14,217	7,129	7,088
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	7,002	3,833	3,169
Professional Specialty Occupations	7,215	3,296	3,919
<i>Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations</i>	19,788	7,751	12,027
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	1,884	922	962
Sales Occupations	8,422	4,945	3,477
Administrative Support Occupations, including Clerical	9,472	1,884	7,588
<i>Service Occupations</i>	9,630	3,523	6,107
Private Household Occupations	199	14	185
Protective Service Occupations	726	671	55
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	8,705	2,838	5,867
<i>Farming, Forestry, Fishing</i>	1,546	1,247	299
<i>Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations</i>	5,802	5,429	373
Mechanics and Repairers	2,250	2,189	61
Construction Trade	2,041	2,002	39
Extractive Occupations	57	51	6
Precision Production Occupations	1,454	1,187	267
<i>Operators, Fabricators and Laborers</i>	6,603	5,509	1,094
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	1,559	1,084	475
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	2,854	2,612	242
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	2,190	1,813	377
<i>Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience</i>	291	130	161

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CO-ROH)

### Resources

⇒ **Chambers of Commerce:**  
 Billings Chamber, P.O. Box 31177, Billings, MT 59107, 406-245-4111  
 Laurel Chamber, P.O. Box 395, Laurel, MT 59044, 406-628-8105

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry**  
*Billings Job Service Workforce Center*  
 2121-B Rosebud Dr., Billings, MT 59102, 406-652-3080, <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/billings/>  
*Billings Unemployment Claims Telephone Center*  
 P. O. Box 30697, Billings, MT 59107-0697, 406-247-1000

*Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications and Website*  
 For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>

⇒ **Housing:**  
 Billings Association of Realtors, 1643 Lewis Ave., Suite 12, Billings, MT 59102, 406-248-7145

⇒ **Internet:**  
 Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>.  
 Cities and towns of Ballantine, Billings, Broadview, Custer, Huntley, Laurel, Pompeys Pillar, Shepherd and Worden Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities

⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**  
*Drivers' Licensing:*  
 Billings Central, 615 B S. 27th, Billings, MT 59101, 406-896-4327

⇒ **Newspapers:**  
*Billings Gazette*, P.O. Box 36300, Billings, MT 59107-6300, 406-657-1200, 800-543-2505, <http://www.billingsgazette.com>  
*The Billings Outpost*, 207 N. Broadway, Billings, MT 59105, 406-247-5020, <http://www.billingsnews.com>  
*The Billings Times*, 2919 Montana Ave., Billings, MT 59101, 406-245-4994  
*Yellowstone County News*, P.O. Box 395, Huntley, MT 59037, 406-348-2649  
*Laurel Outlook*, P.O. Box 278, Laurel, MT 59044, 406-628-4412, <http://www.laureloutlook.com>

⇒ **Public Libraries:**  
 Parmlly Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings, MT 59101-1196, 406-657-8257  
 Laurel Public Library, 720 W. 3rd St., Laurel, MT 59044-0068, 406-628-4961

⇒ **Postsecondary Education Institutions:**  
*Montana University System*  
 Montana State University-Billings, 1500 University Drive, Billings, MT 59101-0298, 406-657-2011, 800-565-MSUB, <http://www.msubitllings.edu>  
 Montana State University Billings College of Technology, 3803 Central Ave., Billings, MT 59102, 406-656-4445, <http://www.cot.msubitllings.edu>  
*Independent Colleges*  
 Rocky Mountain College, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, MT 59102, 800-877-6259, <http://www.rocky.edu>  
 Yellowstone Baptist College, 1515 S. Shiloh Road, Billings, MT 59106, 800-487-9950, <http://www.yellowstonchaptist.edu>

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**  
 Billings Public Schools, 415 N. 30th St., Billings, MT 59101, 406-247-3780  
 Blue Creek Elementary, 3652 Blue Creek Road, Billings, MT 59101, 406-259-0653  
 Broadview Public Schools, P.O. Box 147, Broadview, MT 59015, 406-667-2337  
 Canyon Creek Elementary, 3139 Duck Creek Road, Billings, MT 59101, 406-656-4471  
 Custer K-12 Schools, Box 69, Custer, MT 59024, 406-856-4117  
 Elder Grove Elementary, 1532 S. 64 St. W., Billings, MT 59106, 406-656-2893  
 Elysian Elementary, 6416 Elysian Road, Billings, MT 59101, 406-656-2576  
 Huntley Project K-12 Schools, 1477 Ash St., Worden, MT 59088, 406-967-2540  
 Independent Elementary, 2907 Roundup Road, Billings, MT 59105, 406-259-8109  
 Laurel Public Schools, 410 Colorado Ave., Laurel, MT 59044, 406-628-8623  
 Lockwood Elementary, 1932 U.S. Highway 87, Billings, MT 59101, 406-252-6022  
 Morin Elementary, 8824 Pryor Road, Billings, MT 59101, 406-259-3070  
 Pioneer Elementary, 1937 Dover Road, Billings, MT 59105, 406-252-9205  
 Shepherd Public Schools, Box 8, Shepherd, MT 59079, 406-373-5461  
 Yellowstone Academy Elementary, 1732 S. 72nd St. W., Billings, MT 59106, 406-656-2198

Yellowstone County Employment By Industry*									
Annual Averages 2001									
	\$ of	Average			\$ of	Average			
	Estab-	Annual	Annual		Estab-	Annual	Annual		
Industry	lish-ments	Employ-ment	Wages Paid	Industry	lish-ments	Employ-ment	Wages Paid		
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	5,508	66 420	\$1,852,392,943	General Merchandise	18	2,271	\$37,038,769		
PRIVATE BUSINESS	5,403	58,429	\$1,584,024,729	Food Stores	79	1,254	\$20,810,992		
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING	96	564	\$10,825,427	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	170	1,902	\$57,329,744		
Agriculture Production/Livestock	14	130	\$3,246,106	Apparel & Accessories	74	565	\$6,629,718		
Agriculture Services	74	406	\$6,911,047	Furniture Stores	104	724	\$16,704,433		
MINING	46	205	\$14,496,735	Eating & Drinking	324	5,790	\$63,317,760		
Oil & Gas Extraction	44	201	\$14,241,252	Miscellaneous Retail	250	1,691	\$28,276,888		
CONSTRUCTION	597	3,559	\$121,208,584	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	528	3,286	\$130,507,221		
General Building	160	760	\$23,712,674	Banking	50	1,241	\$46,651,279		
Heavy Construction	46	934	\$37,763,001	Credit Agencies	41	168	\$7,900,952		
Special Trade	370	1,664	\$59,732,909	Security & Commodity	51	365	\$27,684,367		
MANUFACTURING	163	3,510	\$142,249,486	Insurance Carriers	37	173	\$7,791,900		
Food Products	23	621	\$20,424,302	Insurance Agents	124	595	\$20,274,628		
Apparel	6	168	\$3,584,797	Real Estate	196	592	\$12,582,292		
Lumber	12	107	\$2,411,215	Holding & Investments	25	157	\$7,421,803		
Furniture	5	31	\$726,963	SERVICES	1,972	22,599	\$596,258,031		
Printing-Publishing	37	511	\$16,223,149	Hotels & Lodging	43	1,117	\$14,158,207		
Chemicals	5	108	\$4,511,112	Personal Services	129	671	\$10,936,551		
Petroleum Refining	8	879	\$60,743,934	Business Services	346	5,358	\$92,442,316		
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics	3	126	\$3,523,600	Auto Repair Services	144	927	\$22,060,577		
Stone-Clay-Glass	12	120	\$3,219,348	Miscellaneous Repair Services	69	260	\$6,859,708		
Fabricated Metals	15	270	\$9,681,260	Motion Pictures	25	247	\$3,378,331		
Nonelectrical Machinery	16	195	\$5,472,666	Amusement & Recreation	120	1,175	\$15,328,819		
Electrical Equipment	3	4	\$136,446	Health Services	273	6,950	\$278,637,441		
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	21	177	\$5,286,690	Legal Services	110	521	\$22,938,305		
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	330	3,916	\$123,551,942	Educational Services	25	411	\$8,696,299		
Local Transportation	13	405	\$7,546,318	Social Services	180	2,289	\$39,225,795		
Trucking-Warehousing	185	1,394	\$40,437,200	Museums-Zoos	5	52	\$652,487		
Air Transportation	26	876	\$25,876,365	Membership Organizations	142	923	\$10,865,255		
Pipelines (except natural gas)	5	30	\$2,034,272	Engineering Services	293	1,607	\$68,252,952		
Transportation Services	28	242	\$5,920,906	Private Households	61	67	\$942,850		
Communication	50	604	\$21,711,203	Miscellaneous Service	13	17	\$684,703		
Electricity, Gas, Sanitation	22	364	\$20,025,678	NONCLASSIFIABLE	9	12	\$126,676		
WHOLESALE TRADE	551	5,748	\$194,715,933	GOVERNMENT	105	7,991	\$268,366,214		
Durable Goods	371	3,735	\$125,079,050	State	18	1,335	\$38,969,455		
Nondurable Goods	179	2,013	\$69,636,883	Local	29	4,861	\$140,823,730		
RETAIL TRADE	1,087	15,025	\$250,084,694	Federal	57	1,793	\$88,575,029		
Building Materials-Garden	65	825	\$19,974,570						

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

\*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

### Per Capita Personal Income

	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
U.S.	\$29,469	\$27,843	\$26,693	\$25,412	\$24,270	\$23,255	\$22,340	\$21,539	\$20,962	\$20,023	\$19,572	\$10,183	\$4,095
Montana	\$22,518	\$21,490	\$21,225	\$19,920	\$19,173	\$18,592	\$17,995	\$17,968	\$17,045	\$16,471	\$15,516	\$9,143	\$3,625
% of National													
Average	76%	77%	79%	78%	79%	80%	81%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	89%
Yellowstone County	\$26,057	\$24,697	\$24,285	\$22,963	\$21,985	\$21,336	\$20,654	\$19,916	\$19,292	\$18,581	\$17,532	\$10,578	\$3,895
% of National													
Average	88%	89%	90%	90%	91%	92%	92%	92%	92%	93%	90%	104%	95%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 2002

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Yellowstone County  
Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex (2000 Census)

School Age	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	11,355	5,472	90	42	653	329	107	53	209	94	477	222	772	356
12-14	5,129	2,441	29	11	242	110	56	25	89	41	199	105	300	132
15-17	5,258	2,621	36	15	212	110	29	19	82	35	174	87	271	123
18-21	6,408	3,331	41	18	248	130	40	23	136	68	150	71	380	198
Total	28,150	13,865	196	86	1,355	679	232	120	516	238	1,000	485	1,723	809

Working & Voting Age	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	94,352	49,248	388	127	2,548	1,365	535	305	1,141	522	1,255	638	2,980	1,471
16-64	77,477	39,364	357	110	2,444	1,299	479	272	1,071	489	1,148	568	2,741	1,341
18+	90,874	47,523	359	116	2,407	1,298	515	291	1,091	499	1,141	581	2,807	1,394
18-64	73,999	37,639	328	99	2,303	1,232	459	258	1,021	466	1,034	511	2,568	1,264

Other Age Group	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	7,398	3,581	66	19	436	205	48	28	163	81	428	214	638	304
5-17	21,742	10,534	155	68	1,107	549	192	97	380	170	850	414	1,343	611
18-44	45,358	23,160	247	76	1,689	914	307	169	753	340	771	373	1,907	916
45-64	28,641	14,479	81	23	614	318	152	89	268	126	263	138	661	348
65+	16,875	9,884	31	17	104	66	56	33	70	33	107	70	239	130
Total	120,014	61,638	580	203	3,950	2,052	755	416	1,634	750	2,419	1,209	4,788	2,309

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data  
Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001

Yellowstone County			
County of Residence	# Who Work In Yellowstone County	County of Work	# Who Live In Yellowstone County
Out of State	587	Out of State	602
Big Horn County	128	Big Horn County	198
Carbon County	514	Carbon County	132
Cascade County	39	Cascade County	49
Custer County	21	Dawson County	26
Gallatin County	88	Gallatin County	99
Golden Valley County	31	Golden Valley County	41
Missoula County	42	Jefferson County	33
Musselshell County	69	Lewis & Clark County	21
Park County	40	Missoula County	73
Stillwater County	438	Musselshell County	35
Sweet Grass County	21	Park County	43
Yellowstone County	52,092	Rosebud County	126
Other Montana Counties	219	Silver Bow County	21
		Stillwater County	143
		Toole County	22
		Yellowstone County	52,092
		Yellowstone National Park	22
		Other Montana Counties	130

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.